

## Selected Research Themes for MBA FM Thesis

Please feel free to contact me if you are interested in working on one of the following **research areas**. Themes below are some examples of topics which can be modified or adapted to suit your intended field of research. You can usually reach me in my office during term or per email [victor.randall@hs-coburg.de](mailto:victor.randall@hs-coburg.de) to discuss your proposal.

### Risk Management / Transaction Services

- **An analysis of the origin and consequences of the subprime financial crisis**
- Examination of the efficacy of Global Securities Operations of an international banking group
- Uses of derivatives in an SME environment (empirical data - internship or company of choice)
- **A risk management analysis of the reasons that led to the losses at Hypo Real Estate AG**
- An analysis of the benefits of exchange-traded credit derivatives (EUREX iTraxx CDS Futures)

### Financial Markets / Financial Management

- **The Future of Credit Ratings – Addressing Market Concerns in the Financial Market Crisis**
- Speculative-grade rating methodologies – An inter-agency comparison
- **IMF or EU bailout of the “PIIGS” in 2010 – The Pros and the Cons.**
- Microcredit for small business and business creation: bridging a market gap? (Grameen Model)
- Does it matter where sovereign or corporate CDS trade?
- Global Economy: Has quantitative easing been a success? Will the Euro survive the long term?

### Investment Banking

- **Feasibility study for automated, internet-based placement platforms for distribution of securities**
- **An analysis of the Pfandbrief Market – History, Characteristics and Perspectives post Subprime**
- The changing role of financial intermediaries in the global capital markets
- **An analysis of sovereign borrowing in and outside the Eurozone .**
- **How banks will deal with the new regulations and its impact on corporate financing**
- The role of equity research in Investment Banking / Asset Management

### Capital Markets

- **Restarting ABS and current developments in the securitization of financial assets**
- Balance between unsecured and secured financing in the German SMEs – a company analysis
- **Relationship between bank capital and liquidity – effect on bank funding programmes.**
- Developments in structuring hybrid securities and implications for corporate capital structures

### Corporate Finance / Valuation

- Growth Potential of SMEs and SME banking in Selected Emerging Markets
  - Cross-border M&A – A critical analysis of a case study transaction
  - **Refining the corporate balance sheet: what is the appropriate level of leverage in 2010?**
  - **The right role for multiples in valuation**
  - **Contingent liabilities: new developments in financing corporate pension schemes**
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